



# MILL CREEK BANDS

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## Pre Band Camp Letter 2021

Dear POMC Family,

We are less than a week away from POMC Band Camp 2021! Please read through the letter below for some reminders and helpful information.

### Pre-Camp Zoom Meeting

We will have a brief Zoom meeting on Thursday, July 8th from 7:00 - 7:30PM. It is encouraged for all POMC members and parents to attend. We will be hearing from the company running the Mattress Fundraiser, going over essential last minute info for camp, and giving you the opportunity for questions. We hope you can make it; a recording will be sent out after. Meeting invitation is below.

Topic: POMC 2021 Pre-Band Camp Informational Meeting

Time: Jul 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://gcpsk12.org.zoom.us/j/96534915082?pwd=bHNXbTQxdEhOTzY4d0VHYkRqSTM5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 965 3491 5082

Passcode: 238501

### What to Bring

- School-appropriate light clothing that is good for exercise
- Athletic shoes (avoid vans and converses because of lack of support, no chacos or tevas)
- Large water jug (gallon size is preferred)
  - Label Jug with name in sharpie
  - Please have water jug filled before you arrive at the school!
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** Fanny pack or runner's belt that can hold your phone (students will use their phones on the field to learn drill and will need a place to store it that is not their pocket).
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** Beach towel (for stretches/conditioning and storing instrument on the concrete...this will get dirty)
- Hoodie or extra t-shirt to wear after morning block (the afternoon block is inside and can be chilly if you're sweaty)
- Sunscreen, bugspray
- Hat/visor and sunglasses
- Lunch, granola bars or light snack to eat during long breaks
- Instrument, reeds/mouthpiece/neck strap, printed music, pencils
- Binder and sheet protectors for sheet music

### Keep in Mind

Band camp is hot. Even if the weather says rain and temperatures in the high 80s, it will be hot and uncomfortable if you are not properly prepared. Please begin preparing now by drinking water every day and getting some exercise outside. Don't wait until Sunday night to begin preparing for the heat.



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Also, if it's been a while since you've played your instrument. Just take it out and work on some good solid fundamentals exercises each day between now and band camp.

Eat a healthy breakfast each day. Please try to avoid dairy products, as well as heavy amounts of grease and sugar.

## Schedule

Band camp will begin at 9 AM on Monday, July 12th with all first year members, color guard, percussion and leadership. Stretching begins promptly at 8:50, so please plan to arrive by 8:40 in order to check in, prep for the day, and meet your section leaders.

You should come to the band room using the back doors (doors that lead to the patio and stadium parking lot). Parents, you can drop your students off in the bus lane, but please do not drive or park on Pride of Mill Creek Way (the street that runs directly in front of the band room on the side of the school). This is a safety concern for our students that are moving things to the parking lot.

Returning winds members should report on Tuesday, July 13th in the morning. Lunches should be brought in the morning by the student or delivered by parents/family members at 12:00 PM. **You may not leave campus to get lunch.**

## Remind and Google Classroom

Please join the appropriate Remind groups and Google Classroom!

### For Students

Google Classroom - 2021 POMC Google Classroom Code: sl6lixa

Remind - 2021 POMC 9-10 Grades: Text "@spomc910" to "81010"

Remind - 2021 POMC 11-12 Grades: Text "@spomc1112" to "81010"

### For Parents

Remind - 2021 Adult POMC 9-10 Grades: Text "apomc910" to "81010"

Remind - 2021 Adult POMC 11-12 Grades: Text "apomc1112" to "81010"

## DragonFly Max

All members of the marching band must have a current physical uploaded to their Dragonfly Max account prior to the start of band camp. Additionally, you need to upload a copy of your insurance and complete a few electronic forms.

Instructions on how to create a Dragonfly Max account: <https://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/23268>

**\*\*use a computer or laptop - the phone app has been having some technical difficulties\*\***

Please do your best to complete the physical and all required forms before band camp begins on July 12th.

## Ultimate Drill Book

We will be bringing back the use of the app called Ultimate Drill Book this season! Since almost all students have smart devices, they will be able to download the app and receive and learn drill using this app. This system has proven to be highly effective in the competitive marching community. Students, please come prepared with your smart device. Instructions and tutorials will be given during band camp. Paper drill sheets can still be used if needed.

## Mattress Fundraiser

Please help spread the word about our Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, July 31st from 10am-5pm! Encourage friends and family to visit the Facebook event page and indicate that they are "Going" or "Interested"!



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Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/317963976774647>

## COVID-19 Protocols Update

We will no longer be holding health screenings before rehearsals. Guidance states that individuals who have not received a vaccine for COVID-19 are encouraged to wear masks while indoors. Please plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

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